

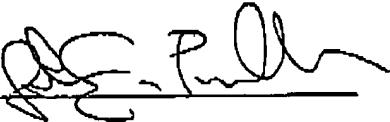
REMARKS

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given to this case.

Claims 4-10 and 12-15 are pending. Claims 1-3 and claim 16 are withdrawn. Claim 3 was given a proper status identifier in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

In view of the remarks presented in the papers filed December 27, 2005, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims are in condition for final allowance and notice to such effect is respectfully requested. Although Applicant believes no fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account No. 501-908 for any fees that may be due in connection with this response. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding these remarks, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone conference with the undersigned.

Respectfully Submitted,



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